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Among the prominent events of the World's Fair for so far, may be mentioned the first of a series of meetings to be held during the time the Exposition is to be open; by the "Woman's World Congress." The meeting took place in the Memorial Art Institute, on Michigan avenue. There were distinguished and representative women from one hundred and ten associations coming from every part of the civilized world. The congress is not only international in its composition, but unique in the history of civilization. For the first time in the history of the world, it may be said, representative women representing every phase of life, and occupation open to women in the present age, have met to confer on matters which concern women of every clime. The papers read and upon which lively discussions followed, varied from "the civil and social evolution of woman" down to the "art of bread making" and "politics," "women in politics," "civil law, science, industrial economics, dress reform, the Order of the Eastern Star, Women's Christian association, Kings Daughters. Papers on the position of woman in various parts of the world, Social Purty, Christian Temperance, Woman's Indian association, Loyal Women of American Liberty, Woman as a Religious Teacher, The Intellectual Progress of the Colored Woman, Woman in the Pulpit, Women on the Stage, Hebrew women (by a Jewess), Woman's Suffrage, Women's clubs, literary women, applied arts, woman as a social leader. Reports were presented of work done by Roman Catholic women of the needlework guild, Christian Endeavor, the Young Women's Baptist, Methodist women, relief societies, Mutual Improvement Women's trade unions, co-operative housekeeping and finally the benefit of organization among women in the promotion of industry, philanthropy, moral reform, education, religion, literary culture and political liberty. The average attendance each day was about 8,000 women, with a sprinkling of men who were not counted. In addition to the good that must accrue from the discussion and the dissemination of literature on the above subjects, all of which are of such vast interest and importance to humanity in general, but to women in particular, great benefit must result, productive of much good. From the formation of those national councils in the different countries represented by the delegates. If no other work than this was transacted at the congress, it was worth the effort to get so many distinguished women together for that purpose, and it may be taken as a sign of the future usefulness of those international councils which are from henceforth an established fact. The idea of these national councils is simply to form a federation of all organizations of women in each country, each, of course, keeping its own distinctive features and identity, but, by joining a national council, which in turn is incorporated in our international council, to be in touch with the womanhood of the whole world—a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

A very peculiar, interesting and ingenious device was set up for the defendant before the magistrates in London, Eng., a few days ago, in a case in which a hotel-keeper was summoned for a breach of the liquor licensing laws, for selling liquors after the hour fixed for closing bar rooms, which would suggest that a woman is being cheated or is cheating. "Old Father Time" out of many solid hours of his existence. The point in question is whether the solar or standard time should be the mode of calculation, and which should govern the time of closing liquor stores. The former time is, as is well known twenty minutes slower than the latter and it was strongly urged for the defence that this time should be used in reckoning the hours that apply to closing public houses, as it is the only true criterion we have to go by in such calculations; and this reasoning was backed by a formidable array of authorities bearing on the point. The activity and ingenuity of the defence took the court by surprise, and as a result judgment was reserved to give time to consider the validity of the argument. If the decision is in favor of the contention for the defence, the defendant will get off Scott free; but if on the contrary, he will have to pay the full penalty that the law inflicts for such infractions.

He was at her jeweller's early during a temporary lull in the conversation. "Why? Did you never have your ears bored?"

Mrs. Blingo—Oh, dear Charles, I would not have you call me Blingo. Baby, Blingo—Why not call him Atlantic Ocean? Mrs. Blingo—What for Blingo (wearily)—Because he never dries up.

I think the Pilgrim mothers had a harder time than the Pilgrim fathers," said Hickson.

"Why?" queried Dickson.

"Why, they not only had to endure the same privations as the Pilgrim fathers, but they had to get along with the Pilgrim fathers as well."—Litt.

Period of Infection in Mumps.

The question as to the transmission of the infectious diseases and the exact stage of the disease at which infection is most likely to occur has been satisfactorily settled regarding most of the exanthemata. In mumps, however, the case is different, some authorities maintaining that the disease may prove infectious throughout the whole of its course, while others are of opinion that it is only the case at the commencement of the attack. Dr. Rendu, in a paper read before the Societe Medicate des Hopitaux, relates two cases which are valuable as throwing light upon this point. A young lady visited her mother on January 2, who complained of slight malaise; on the following day, however, she developed mumps. On January 24, her daughter, who had seen her on the evening but not since, was likewise attacked. In the interval she had seen no person who was suffering from the disease. Dr. Rendu argues, therefore, that a case may be infectious even before the characteristic parotid swelling has made its appearance. A second case was very similar to this one. A child ten years old was attacked after being in company with a child, although then showing no signs of the disease, was found a few hours afterward to be suffering from it. Mumps is, therefore, evidently infectious at the termination of the period of incubation. Dr. Rendu is of opinion that infection is conveyed by means of the breath.—Lancet.

Pyrites From Africa.

Two Akka girls, who were rescued from Arab captives by Dr. Stuhlmann and his companions, have been brought to Europe and will remain in Germany for some months. In the summer they will be taken back to Africa where they will be placed in some mission house, or otherwise provided for. They are supposed to be between seventeen and twenty years of age. A correspondent of the London Daily News, who saw them at Naples, says they are well proportioned and as tall as boys of eight years of age. Their behavior is "infantile, wild and shy, but without timidity. One of them was always crouching behind a bush, and grinning from beneath fringing brows, while the other often laughed joyously, and was as free as a bird. They were dressed in head braids and other trinkets given to her, and expressed by a queer smile of her flat nose her appreciation of some chocolate, which she was eating. In a capital dinner on rice and meat, they greatly enjoyed the sunshine in a pretty garden, where they gradually grew more confident, and finally allowed themselves to be photographed, arm in arm with the little son of their hostess. The youngest one shook with laughter, and seemed to guess that a process was going on flatterer in her vanity, while the cross one still looked gloomy and suspicious. They showed neither wonder nor admiration at the people and things around them in the artistically furnished house and tasteful garden. Their eyes though large and lustrous, were kept fixed on the eyes of a monkey. These interesting representatives of one of the pygmy races of the world are to be presented to various scientific societies in Berlin.

A Remarkable Dust Explosion.

Not long since in the city of Litchfield, Ill., one of the most remarkable dust explosions on record occurred in the "Planet" or Kehler flour mill. Before the explosion a fire broke out in one of the elevators, and the watchman was unable to send an alarm before the fire had reached the mill. Here it was beyond control. The fire companies on reaching the scene, got their apparatus connected. By this time the flames had reached the part of the mill where there presumably was an accumulation of dust, and the explosion occurred. The great mill, built to have been the largest mill in the world, was blown to pieces as if by dynamite. Bricks, timbers, and pieces of machinery were blown out in all directions. The spectators of the fire were thrown to the ground by the shock, and people a mile distant were frightened. Four or five miles away telegraphed that they had experienced the effects of the explosion. At De Kalb, thirty miles distant, the electric concussion was felt. In the town no houses escaped injury. Those near the scene had every window blown out. Some of the houses were entirely destroyed. The town bore the appearance of having been swept by an explosion. Flour trains brought crowds of spectators.

When Sir Humphry Davy invented the safety lamp he was very fortunate. It was supposed that mine explosions were due to inflammable gas, generally of the nature of coal gas. But recently it has been found that coal dust plays a most important role in the explosion of the mine's flame. The recent development of steam mining has brought dust explosions more into prominence. In mill explosions there is absolutely no gas. The flour dust is so fine that, mingled with and suspended in air, it produces an explosive mixture. The loss of the mills, which had a capacity of two thousand barrels of flour per day, represents about one million of dollars.

Vinegar From Rags and Paper.

Eternal vigilance seems to be the only price at which the welfare of the vinegar trade can be preserved. Spurious vinegars, purporting to be the genuine article, are constantly finding their way into the market, and competing with almost pure product, despite every precaution that can be taken. And now comes the intelligence, via a prominent English medical journal, that it is quite within the bounds of possibility, according to chemical science, to extract from a series of chemical operations, an old linen shirt or a paper collar, or paper pulp or any sort of vinegar. This authority assures the reader that a recent search has shown that by digesting any of the above substances, or indeed, starch, sugar, or other vegetable materials with alkali, such as caustic soda, a salt of the alkali, acetate of soda is formed, which, when recovered, and the product on distillation with sulphuric acid could be made to yield pure acetic acid, which is everybody knows, is the acid of ordinary vinegar, in which it occurs to the extent of three or four per cent.

The trade, that is, the cider vinegar branch, might well be disturbed at this piece of information; but, happily, the authorities forwardly hasten to reassure the public that "this conversion is only of theoretical interest, however, and no practical value. But who can tell that? In these days of sharp practice and clever adulteration, who can tell that this discovery may not be utilized and put into practical shape by some shrewd commercial fraud? What if false colorings and branding the cider-vinegar maker has enough to contend with now, but when someone is plying his crooked trade against a deception of old linen shirts and cast off collars, and such like, it is too much. If that day should ever come the cider bag will be the rival of the apple tree, and the junk shop will compete with the distillery. If it is possible, the process of putting up pickles in acetic acid second-hand garments—American Cider-maker.

Winnipeg Is Prospering.

From the sixth floor of a building report of Messrs. Gordon & Suckling, well-known real estate agents in Winnipeg, that the past six months. The city of buildings erected generally speaking are superior to that of any previous year in our history. Quite a number of large business blocks are in the process of construction at present; and there are not a few residences costing from \$4,000 to \$10,000. There are some two hundred houses upon which men are working at the present time, and it is estimated that these will be fully another 175 built before fall.

The building and improvements for this year up to June 1st, amount to a large figure, it being in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000; and this year the total expenditure in this particular line from the present outlook promises to fully reach \$1,800,000, and will in all probability exceed the expenditure of 1892 by \$800,000. Real estate is steadily advancing and in some favorable localities has risen from twenty to twenty-five per cent. Taken as a whole, land values in the city have advanced about 13 per cent.

Quite a number of enquiries are being made by outsiders, and considerable foreign capital is finding its way for investment in Winnipeg properties. The prospects for a continued substantial improvement in the city is more hopeful and Winnipeg generally well felt of the advancement the city is making.

Canada Will Have the Largest Milling Center in the World.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, on being interviewed recently, stated that the extensive improvements in the Winnipeg mill were approaching completion, with the exception of the eastern mill, which were being pushed on as rapidly as possible. He thinks that it will be able to receive visitors at the mill in about two or three months. The changes and enlargement of the mill will certainly reflect credit upon the city of Winnipeg. The mill has been put in such a condition as to make it one of the finest on the continent. The capacity of the mill has been increased to 1,800 barrels per day.

Mr. Thompson also mentioned that improvements have been carried out, nearly all the company's flour, resulting in bringing up their aggregate capacity to 8,200 barrels per day, thus representing one of the largest millings in the world.

The company have registered under the copyright law, special red, white and blue brands of twine which are being manufactured for the first time, and by the standard brands of flour turned out by this company will be put up in bags, sewn with these colored twines. Experiments are in progress for the testing of their flour at the mill before being shipped.

The Hon. Robt. Watson Returns Home From Ottawa.

Hon. Robt. Watson has returned from his visit to Ottawa, where he was for the purpose of interviewing ministers of the Dominion Cabinet in relation to certain matters connected with the local affairs, and some of which for the present are not to be made public. Mr. Watson stated that his mission was particularly in reference to obtaining a portion of the old railway route for a Normal school site. In this he expects to be successful, and he has his whole interview with Hon. Mr. J. A. G. Macdonald, and his cabinet officers was very satisfactory.

Speaking of the Manitoba Government exhibit at the World's Fair, he said a report was kept of the number of visitors to the Manitoba building and that for one day alone, it totalled up 4,000. Ontario has a very fine display inside, he said, particularly in minerals. The exhibits in the Manitoba building are not all placed as yet, but will be in a few days.

Mr. Watson expects return to Ottawa the latter end of the month to attend the Liberal convention.

The Difference Between Poverty and Debt.

Poverty is a bitter draught, but may be sometimes with advantage, be gulped down. That the drinker of poverty, wry faces, there may, after all, be whole some goodness in the cup. But debt, however courteously it be offered, is a delicious though it be an eating poison. The man out of debt, though with a crack in his shoe leather, and a hole in his hat, is still at liberty, free as the thought clothed in the utmost bravery, what he but a holiday—a slave, to be reclaimed at an instant by his owner, the creditor. If poor sewage in the running spring; think therefore of debt as "only war," and acknowledge a white-washed garret the finest housing place for a gentleman, and this, and feed. So shall you have peace, and the sheriff be confounded.

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We are pleased to note that the Hustler has been brought to see the error of its ways, and has published in its issue of June 9th an apology to the editor of the Chronicle (Virden) in the following words: "We deem it our duty this week to retract all statements made by us in our issue of the 10th ult. in regard to the editor of the Virden Chronicle. As no injury was intended and in order to avoid any wrong impressions of an injurious character, which may have been made upon the public mind by the statements referred to, we hereby apologize for making the same, trusting no harm will be the outcome. We may also add for the benefit of any who may have received information to the contrary, that no papers of that issue left this office, except those addressed to regular subscribers and one or two persons at friends."

Since the appearance of the statements referred to in the issue of May 19th, the Chronicle and Advance have let the matter of the "Reason Why" drop. Now that the Hustler has come out with a straight apology we should hope that the last of the quarrel has been heard of.

HOW TO CURTAIL CREDIT.

Slowly country merchants are moving in the direction of restricting credit business. Occasionally it is reported that the merchants in a certain town have mutually resolved to adopt the cash system. It is not likely that these movements are always successful in reducing business even to a large extent to a cash basis. Merchants individually, frequently announce their intention to place their business upon a cash basis, and no doubt their intentions are sincere at the time. They have learned by experience the unsatisfactory nature of credit business, and they have, after much thought, decided to go on the cash system in the future. The effort, however, is very often a failure. Perhaps not a total failure, but comparatively a failure. There are great difficulties in the way of converting a credit to a cash trade. A number of the more doubtful credit customers will be dropped off after each effort to restrict credit business, but the amount daily going on the books is altogether too large, and a good many of the old slow accounts run on.

So it is with local movements to abolish credit business. All the storekeepers in a town may resolve mutually to do a cash trade, but the credit business still goes on, though restricted to some extent. Every effort of this nature, however, indicates that the business men throughout the country are aware of the evils of credit business, and if they just keep pegging away, and stick to it, they will eventually succeed in placing business upon a better basis. We cannot hope to change this credit system to a cash basis at once, but it can be done if followed up steadily and systematically. Efforts should be directed steadily to shortening credits at the outset. It is not so much credit business, as long credit business, which is the great difficulty. Those who are known to be safe credit customers, and who would be willing to pay their accounts within a reasonable time, might safely be allowed to take goods from the store without paying the cash for them. It is the outrageous extent to which credit business is carried in this country, and the length of time accounts are allowed to run, which is the difficulty. The country merchant may consider his customers good in the long run, but if he has thousands of dollars on his books, and cannot get the money when he needs it badly, he is better without such business. Herein lies the evil. Credit business in itself is not such a terrible thing, but let it be done in reason. Instead of resolving to do a straight cash business, and then falling in the attempt, let the merchants resolve to place their credit business upon a reasonable basis, and gradually work toward a cash trade.

by offering reasonable inducement, in the way of discounts, to induce their customers to buy for cash.

If the merchants in a town can agree upon a plan of reducing credit business to a reasonable basis, it will be so much the better. The first thing for the individual merchant to do is discriminate as thoroughly as possible in giving credit, and extend credit only to those who are known to be reliable. The next thing is the amount of credit which it will be safe to give to different customers. If the customer is getting in too deeply he should be checked, or security demanded. Those who are very free to buy on credit will stand close scrutiny. The next and perhaps most important point is that of time. The length of time which accounts are allowed to run is the great evil of credit business in this country. This should be sharply checked at once. Accounts should be made up frequently and payment demanded. This is wherein the rural population of Manitoba require correction. They have been educated into the system of long standing accounts. It is time this demoralizing teaching were reformed. They should now be educated back to reasonable business basis for credit transactions. Accounts should be balanced up monthly, if possible, and not later than quarterly at the most. Interest should then be added, and security taken if at all doubtful. If this plan were followed up thoroughly, it would soon have a beneficial effect. Once credit business were placed on a reasonable basis, as to time, the greatest evil in connection therewith would disappear, with its ruinous effect upon the merchant and its demoralizing influence upon the rural purchasing public.—Commercial.

"DOES IT PAY TO BE GOOD NATURED?"

(BY A "NICE" GIRL.)

The trials of a beauty are doubtless very severe, but they are not a patch on the trials of a "nice" girl. I speak from no little experience; "nice" is my only adjective, so to speak. I am plain, and neither rich nor poor, but so to make up I try to be amiable, and, consequently, society imposes upon me shamefully. For instance, when my friend Mr. A. has the threshing machine and some one "disappears" her at the last minute, she says "It is a pity to leave Miss—out, but I thought I would have to say; however she's such a nice girl, I'll just send over for her; she won't mind being asked at the last minute, and she will help me to serve up so willingly if I find I'm crowded." She does mind though, but she can't very well refuse to oblige people just for the sake of pride and prejudice. And when I go she probably delivers me over to the tender mercies of the broiling cookstove, or into the contract of entertaining some old fellow as deaf as a post. Of course I know my hostess lies and says, "Miss—, won't mind she's nice girl." Or perhaps I am spending the evening somewhere and it is decided to finish off proceedings with a dance. No one will volunteer to play, and the hostess comes up to me with a gracious smile and says, "Miss—, dear, perhaps you wouldn't mind playing us a set of dances; I am afraid no one else can." Of course it wouldn't matter if it stopped there, but the Lancers is followed by a Waltz, and the Waltz by a Polka, and the Polka by a Schottische, and so on, until just when 'tis time to go home some one says—"Why, poor Miss—has never had a dance! She's been playing for us all the time. What a shame!" and the hostess says—"I am afraid we have been very selfish, my dear, but you do play so beautifully, and you are always so obliging."

Then again when I go to see anyone my appearance seems a signal for them to pull on their hats, gowns, children's karkies, and even quilt patches and all such things, and they all ask my advice, borrow my patterns, copy my ideas in bonnets, hats and dresses, and thus give me this to darn, that to cut, these to make fit, those to take in a little, something else to arrange and take or draw a wrinkle out of, and a thousand and one peevish jobs, always adding as they present them "You are so handy, it is a pity to keep you idle." In short they make a general social habit of me all because I am such a "nice" girl and won't mind!

Of course matrimony is entirely out of the question for a "nice" girl. I have heaps of male friends, but that is precisely what it is. They are simply FRIENDS. They go and fall in love with other girls, and then come and tell me all about it and expect my sisterly advice, sympathy, and encouragement. Of course it is very gratifying, and I suppose I ought to feel highly flattered, but at the same time it is a little trying.

As I said before, I am not rich, and my business in life is to "teach the young idea how to shoot." And, alas! I even here that relentless adjective pursues me! If I carefully study the best plans out for the children's benefit, and think—yes know—I am just doing what is wisest for them. I receive some very apologetic though gratifying opposition from some kind parent because it didn't comply with their desires. Of course she's such a nice girl she won't mind. And in other cases the children attend extremely late, in order of 1. 0. 1. 1. 0. 0. 1., and then they wonder that their young hopefuls do not get on! But of course it looked like rain and too hot, or the children were tired, and the teacher won't mind.

After all I suppose it is my own fault, and I may as well make myself useful, as I can never by any chance be ornamental. Right the same time it is impossible to help wishing sometimes that people would be a little more considerate, and remember that I am only human and need a little rest, even if I am such a "nice" girl and don't mind!—Marquette Reporter.

EPITAPH ON AN EARLY SETTLER.
by Hereward R. Cockin.

Tread softly, stranger! reverently draw near!
The vanguard of a nation slumbers here,
Perchance he wander'd once by Yarrow's side,
Or dream'd where Severn rolls his volumed tide.
Mayhap his infant gaze first saw the light,
Nigh lordly Snowden's beaver ambition ed height.
Or thrill'd his boyish heart, in bygone days,
With the sad tones of Erin's mournful lays.
Amidst the crowded marts of Old World strife,
He yearned to live a nobler, purer life.
Brave heart, beyond Atlantic's sullen roar,
He sought a home on this wild western shore.
In youth's midst he built his log hut rude,
And lived, his one companion—solitude.
Yet not his only one, where'er he trod,
In childlike faith he walk'd with God.
His stalwart might, and keen, unerring aim,
Taught lurking savages to dread his name.

With quenchless courage and unflinching
Redeem'd he, day by day, the unwilling
Primal gloom, beneath his sturdy
Bein'd forth in glebes that blossomed
And years roll'd by, Europe her exiles
Around him grew a thriving settlement.
But 'tis not good for man to live alone,
He woo'd and won a maiden for his own.
The flowers of June smiled on his marriage
And thence ten years he tasted wedded bliss.
His children, born a death Freedom's own
Were cradled in the lap of Liberty.
They lived to bless the author of their birth,
And, by their deeds, renew'd his honest worth.
His neighbors loved the kindly, honest way,
Of one whose yea was Yea, whose nay was Nay.
And did dispute arise, his word alone was jury, judge, and verdict—blent in one.
Dark day that saw, and gloomier hearts which said,
The father of the settlement is dead.
Yes: full of years, beloved on every hand,
His spirit left them for the Better Land.
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They are the abstract and brief chronicles of the time. Hapet, Act 1, Scene 2.

Mr. Chas. Saunders, of Virden, was in town last Sunday.

There was no service in the Methodist church last Sunday.

The Rev. R. G. Stevenson preached in St. Mary's church Virden, on Sunday last.

The Elkhorn Sports take place on the 30th of June. The turf club are giving \$500.00 in prizes.

Rev. Mr. Fortune, the newly appointed Presbyterian Minister, was in town a few days this week.

A meeting of the St. Marks Ladies Aid will be held at the Cavanagh Hotel this afternoon. Tea at 5:30 sharp.

Mr. Charles Sanford, of Virden, was in town on Thursday. He attended the picnic at Lippert on Wednesday.

The Rev. Mr. Chennet of Breadalbane preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, to large congregations.

The committee appointed to look after the Grist Mill business will meet in the town hall on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Beattie of Virden will conduct the morning and evening services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday next.

Rev. T. M. Talbot is expected to arrive tomorrow (Friday), with his wife, from attending the Methodist conference at Brandon, and will hold service as usual on Sunday next.

From all accounts, it is very difficult to collect accounts, and money is very scarce. Duns are flying around in all directions, and even the mosquitoes are incessantly presenting their bills.

As Mr. Fleming, the new baker, has arrived, the Elkhorn Bakery is now open, and the public may depend upon getting first class bread, cakes, &c. Those intending to enter into wedded bliss should leave their orders for a cake.

The opening of the new Methodist church is postponed until July 9th, as the church will not be completed on the date before mentioned. There will be three services held on the day of the opening, morning, afternoon and evening, and the Presbyterians will not hold service on that day.

As Mr. John Spley was turning the corner at the Broadway Block the other evening, with a team of horses on a wagon, the board on which he was sitting gave way and he was precipitated to the ground and had a narrow escape from being run over. Luckily, however, no harm was done.

The lack of interest shown by the women of Brandon in Princess May's wedding gift can only be viewed from a commonsense stand. Had they felt that they were in a position to contribute, they would have done so, but the crowd is not yet only above ground, and Brandonians have in times past fared so badly by giving up the substance for the shadow, that they deem it better to lay sentimentality aside, and indulge only in practical commonsense ideas until the arm is cut and in the market—Brandon Times.

The recent heavy rains, while beneficial to the crops, are doing a deal of mischief to the wells. The wells contain two and a half feet more of water than at this period a year ago. Whilst almost all the private houses can boast of a bathroom below the basement. At the Parsonage one day last week over a hundred pails of water were taken out of the cellar, with more to follow.

The Patrons of Industry held a picnic on Wednesday. A number from town went out, and report having spent a very good time. Athletic sports, horse racing etc. were indulged in, and some of our townspeople were successful in winning prizes, our "elegant" restaurant keeping obtaining prizes for putting the shot, and also winning the pony race. The concert and dance were well attended, the latter being kept up well into Thursday morning.

Mr. J. W. Charlesworth, of Virden, was here on Sunday last in the interest of Y. M. C. A. work, procuring delegates to the convention which will be held in Virden on June 29th and 30th, when Mr. Brown, of Oberlin, an old association worker, will take a leading part. Mr. C. M. Copeland, Provincial Sec., Mr. Fleming, of Brandon, District Sec., and others are expected to take part in the proceedings. Any further information respecting the convention can be had on application to the local committee, Messrs. B. L. Johnson, Geo. Broadley and Thor. McLeod.

The prize list and programme of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition is now ready for distribution, and copies will be forwarded free on application to J. K. Strachan, secretary. The exhibition opens July 17, and continues for one week. Prizes amounting to \$15,000 are offered, which is a considerable increase over last year. The railways are offering greatly reduced rates and free transportation for exhibits, so that under these circumstances the exhibition is sure to be a great success. Entries close July 6, which is a point intending exhibitors should bear in mind.

Every line in a newspaper costs something. If it is for the benefit of an individual it should be paid for. If the grocer were asked to contribute groceries to one abundantly able to pay for them, he would refuse. The proprietor of a newspaper must pay for the free advertising. If the beneficiary does not, and yet it is one of the hardest things to be learned by many that a newspaper has space in its columns a rent and must rent to live. To give away anything for less than living rates would be as certainly fatal as for a landlord to furnish rent free.—Press and Printer.

OUR INDIAN HOMES.

HOISTING OF THE NEW FLAG BY HON. HATTER REID.

Last fall a circular was issued by Hatter Reid, Commissioner of Indian Affairs to all the Indian Schools in Manitoba and the territories, offering a large Canadian flag to the best Indian school. A few months later Mr. Wilson, Superintendent of the School in this town, received word that the school under his charge had been awarded the prize, which duly arrived.

On Monday last about the hour of 1 o'clock, the boys and girls of the Home gathered round to witness the hoisting of the flag, which was hoisted by Mr. Reid himself, who had arrived in town on Sunday. All the children stood by gazing at the flag as it rose to the top of the long pole where the gentle breeze from the south wafted it out in all its glory, showing the red, white and blue colors to great advantage. Mr. Reid then made a few remarks, saying that this school had been awarded the prize because of its substantial building, not yet its number of pupils, as both Regina and Quappelle Schools are ahead of it in these respects, but they had gained the prize because they had come up to a higher standard of proficiency than any other school, and having entered for the flag. He told the children that the flag belonged to the greatest nation under the sun, and that wherever they might be they would always be respected if they said they belonged to the country where the Union Jack is to be found.

Mr. Wilson then thanked the Commissioner, and ordered three cheers to be given for him which all very readily responded to. He said the success of the Institution was, in a great degree, owing to the interest Mr. Reid had taken in it. The train from this town was seen approaching, and as Mr. Reid was going west, Mr. Wilson and most of the pupils escorted him to the station.

We most heartily congratulate Mr. Wilson and his staff of assistants in being successful in gaining this magnificent flag which is a credit to any institution.

The Indian Home will have an addition added to it in the near future, besides new furnaces and other repairs. A number of new pupils are expected in a few days.

Our Indian Homes are a great credit to the thriving town of Elkhorn.

BEULAH BITS.

June 25th, 1893.—We are very sorry to have to report the death of young Forbes who was accidentally shot in the leg by the discharge from a fowling piece. He was reported to be improving rapidly, but unfortunately he died last night.

He was a fine manly young fellow, much respected by all who knew him.

The cricket match between Minota and Birtle ended in a tie, both sides scoring exactly the same number of runs. Mr. T. Annot, Dr. Wheeler and Mr. W. Way did good service for Minota, whilst Mr. Noel Wilkinson's play saved the match for Birtle. The return match takes place next Saturday the 10th.

Seeding is finished and now after the fine rains of the few last days, breaking is all over. The crops look more promising than they have at this time for years.

Beulah has started a foot ball club which soon hopes to make itself conspicuous.

Dr. Wheeler and Mr. T. Taylor of Beulah have been making a short driving tour through the Province. They report crops looking very well in the Brandon District, and say that we might take a lesson round here from the way they do their farming in this country, all wheat sown with the press drill, etc.

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Beef, retail..... 0.03 0 10

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Mutton, retail..... 0.10 0 12 1/2

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Now, what this is, see cried, pointing. 'It's a tree. And that's the sky. And that's a tree. And these here are for a moment, as seemed, in doing, but added hastily—'pigs.'

'Now, as the subject represented a flock of sheep huddling together close to a pond on a rainy common, this suggestion was not so complimentary to my artistic skill. I was on the point of correcting my astute critic, when she added after a moment's further inspection:

'No, they're sheep. Look ye now, I know! They're sheep.'

'Pray don't come in the paint, I suggested, approaching her, pointing, 'It is wet and comes off.'

'She drew back cautiously, and then as a preliminary to further conversation, sat down on the grass, giving me further occasion to remark her length and shapeliness of limb. There was a tree and a pond, and a flock of sheep, and her manner, unimpaired though it was with gusts of foolishness, which began to amuse me.

'Can you paint faces?' she asked dubiously.

'I replied that I could even aspire to that accomplishment, by which I understood her to mean portrait-painting, if need were. She gave a quiet nod of satisfaction.

'There was a painter chap who came to Abernethy last summer, and he painted William Jones.'

'Indeed? I said, with an assumption of friendly interest.

'Yes, I wanted him to paint me, but he wouldn't. He painted William Jones's father, though, along of William Jones.'

'This with an air of unmistakable disgust and recrimination. I looked at the girl more observantly. It had never occurred to me till that moment that she would make a capital picture—just the sort of 'study' which would fetch a fair price in the market. I adopted her name and easy manner, and was contagious, and sat down on the grass opposite to her.

'I tell you, what it is, Matt, I said, familiarly, 'I'll paint you though the other painter chap won't.'

'You will? she cried, blushing with delight.

'Certainly, and a very nice portrait—think you'll make. Be good enough to take off your hat, that I may have a better look at you.'

'She obeyed me at once, and threw the clumsy thing into the grass beside her. Then I saw that her head was covered with short black curls, clinging round a bold white brow unfreckled by the sun. She glanced at me sidelong, laughing, and showing her white teeth. Whatever her age was, she was quite old enough to be a coquette.

'Promptly and easily I put the question: 'You have not told me how old you are.'

'Fifteen,' she replied without hesitation.

'I should have taken you to be at least a year older.'

'She shook her head.

'It's fifteen years come Whitemtide,' she explained, 'since I come ashore.'

'Although I was not a little curious to know what this 'coming ashore' meant, I felt that all my conversation had been categorical to monotonous, and I determined, therefore, to reserve further inquiry until another occasion. Observing that my new friend was now looking at the Caravan with considerable interest, I asked her if she knew what it was, and if she had ever seen anything like it before. She replied in the negative, though I think she had tolerably good guess as to the Caravan's use. I thought this a good opportunity to show my natural politeness. Would she like to look at the interior? I said she would, though without exhibiting much enthusiasm.

'I thereupon led the way up the steps and into the vehicle. Matt followed, but so soon as she caught a glimpse of the interior, stood timidly on the threshold. What is there in the atmosphere of a house, even the rudest, which places the visitor at a disadvantage as compared with the owner? Even animals feel this, and dogs especially, when visiting strange premises, exhibit most abject humility. But I must not generalize. The bearings of this remark I quote my friend Captain Cuttle, in the application of it. Matt for a moment was awed.

'Come in, Matt, come in, I said.

'She came in by slow degrees; and I noticed, for the first time—seeing how near her hat was to the roof—that she was unusually tall. I then did the honors of the place; showed her my sleeping arrangement, my culinary implements, everything that I thought would interest her, offered her the arm-chair, or turned up bedstead; but she preferred a stool which I sometimes used for my feet, and sitting down upon it, looked around her with obvious admiration.

'Should you like to live in a house like this?' I asked, encouragingly.

'She shook her head with decision.

'Why not?' I demanded.

'She did not exactly know why, or at any rate, could not explain. Wishing to interest and amuse her, I handed her a portfolio of my sketches, chiefly in pencil and pen and ink, but a few in water color. Her manner changed at once, and she turned them over with little cries of delight. It was clear that Matt had a taste for the beautiful in art, but her chief attraction was for pictures representing the human face or figure.

'Among the sketches she found a crayon drawing of an antique and blue-eyed gentleman in a skull cap, copied from some Rembrandtish picture I had seen abroad.

'I know who this is!' she exclaimed.

'It's William Jones's father!'

'I assured her on my honor that William Jones's father was not personally known to me, but she seemed a little incredulous. Presently she rose to go.

'I can't stop no longer, she explained. 'I've got to go up to Monk's hut for William Jones.'

'Monk's hut? What was that where the police Mr. Monk reside?'

'Yes, up in the wood,' she replied with a grimace expressive of no little dislike.

'Is Mr. Monk a friend of yours?'

'Her answer was a very decided negative. Then, alighting to the door, she swung herself down to the ground. I followed, and stood on the threshold, looking down at her.

'Don't forget that I'm to paint your picture, I said. 'When will you come back?'

'Tomorrow, maybe.'

'I shall expect you. Good-bye!'

'Good-bye, master,' she returned, reaching up to shake hands.

'I watched her as she walked away towards the road, and noticed that she took bold strides like a boy. On reaching the road she looked back and laughed, then she drew herself together and began running like a young deer, with little or nothing of her former clumsiness, until she disappeared among the sand hills.

'Thursday.—This morning, just after breakfast, when I had entered the Caravan to prepare my materials for the day's painting, Tim appeared at the door with a horrid grin, and said:

'There's a young lady asking for ye, he said.

'I had forgotten for the moment my appointment of the day before, and, when I stepped from the Caravan, I perceived, standing close by, with her back to me and her face toward the lake, the figure of a young woman. At first I failed to identify her, for she wore a black hat and a white feather, a cloth jacket and a dress which almost reached her ground; and she turned round as I approached her and I recognized my new acquaintance.

'I cannot say that she was improved by her change of costume. In the first place, it made her look several years older, in fact quite young womanly. In the second place, it was tawdry, not to say servant-gaily, if I may coin such an adjective. The dress was of thin silk and old and faded, and looked as if it had suffered a good deal from exposure to the elements, as was indeed the actual case. The jacket was also old, and seemed made of the rough material which is usually cut into sailors' peajackets, which was the case, also. The hat was obviously new, but just as obviously, home-made, and shaking hands. 'Upon my word, I didn't know you.'

'She laughed delightedly, and glanced down at her attire, which clearly afforded her the greatest satisfaction.

'I put on my Sunday clothes,' she explained, 'cause I was going to see William Jones.'

'I promised not to betray her to that infernal nuisance and refused from her informing her that I thought her ordinary costume far more becoming than her seventh-day finery.

'That's a nice dress,' I said, hypocritically. 'Where did you buy it?'

'I didn't buy it. It came ashore.'

'What! When you 'come ashore' yourself?'

'No fear! she answered. 'Last winter when the big ship went to bits out there.'

'Oh, I see! Then it was a portion of a wreck?'

'Yes, it came ashore; and, look ye now, this jacket—come ashore, too. On a sailor's cap.'

'And the sailor chap made you a present of it, I suppose?'

'No fear! she repeated, with her sharp shake of the head. 'How could he give it me when he was drowned and come ashore? William Jones gave it to me, and I altered it, my own self—look ye now—to make it fit.'

'She was certainly an extraordinary young person, and wore her ridiculous finery with a coolness I thought was remarkable, it being quite clear, from her explanation, that all fish that came to her net, in other words, that died, at men's clothes were as acceptable to her unprejudiced taste as any others. However, the time was hastening on, and I had my promise to keep. So I got my crayon materials and made Matt sit down before me on a stool, first insisting, however, that she should divest herself of her head-gear, which was an abomination, but which she discarded with extreme reluctance. Directly I began she became rigid, and fixed herself, so to speak, as people do when being photographed—eyes glaring on me, her whole face lost in self-satisfaction.

'You needn't keep like that, I cried. 'I want your face to have some expression. Move your head about—it will be all the better.'

'Last time I was took,' she replied, 'the chap said I mustn't move.'

'Ah! I suppose he was a travelling photographer?'

'He had a little black box, like on legs, and a cloth on top of it, and he looked at me through a hole in the middle. Then he cried "now," and held up his hand for me to keep still as a mouse; then he counted fifty, and I was took.'

'Ah! Indeed! Was it a good likeness?'

'Yes, master. But I looked like the black woman who came ashore last Easter was a year.'

'With conversation like this we beguiled the day, while I proceeded rapidly with my drawing. At the end of the couple of hours Matt had become so fidgity that I thought it advisable to give her a rest. She sprang up, and ran over to inspect the picture. The moment her eyes fell on it she uttered a rapturous cry.

'Look ye, now, isn't it pretty? Master, am I like that?'

'I answered her that it was an excellent likeness, and not too flattering. Her face fell, however, a little as she proceeded.

'Are my cheeks as red as that, master?'

'You are red, Matt,' I replied, slipshodly. 'So are the roses.'

'When it's finished, will you give it to me to keep?'

'Well, we shall see.'

'I gave her a shilling for his frame and all, but I've got no more money, she continued, with an insinuating smile, which, as a man of gallantry, I could not resist. So I promised her that if she behaved herself properly, I would, in all probability, make her the present she coveted.

'You must come again tomorrow, I said, as we shook hands, and I'll finish the thing off.'

'All right, master, I'll come.'

'And, with a nod and a bright smile, she walked away.

'During the whole of the interview Tim had not been unobservant, and so soon as I was left alone he looked up from the work he was engaged upon, he, too, washing, and gave a knowing smile.

'Sure she's a fine bold colten, he said. 'Does your honor know who she is?'

'I have not the slightest idea.'

'They're saying down by the lake that she's a son-fondling, and has neither father nor mother, nor any belongings.'

'Pray who was your informant?'

'The man who picked her from the sea—William Jones himself.'

'That name again? It was becoming too much for me, and blood to be torn by the first moment of my arrival. I had heard no other, and I had begun to detect its very sound.'

CHAPTER IV.
INTRODUCES WILLIAM JONES AND HIS STORY.

My story is now bound to follow in the footsteps of Matt, who, on quitting the presence of her artistic friend, walked rapidly along the sand-encumbered road in the direction of the sea. Skirting the lake upon the left hand, and still having the ocean of sand-hills upon her right, she gradually slackened her pace, and looked for some time, would have doubtless observed that the change was owing to maiden meditation; that in other words, Matt had fallen into a brown study.

She sat down upon a convenient stone or piece of rock, and resting her elbows on her knees, her chin in her hands, looked for some time at the water, and at last she rose, flushed warmly, and murmuring something to herself.

The something was to this effect: 'His hands are as white as a lady's when he pulls off them gloves, and he said I was as pretty as my picture.'

I can only guess at the train of reasoning which led to this colloquy, and my opinion that Matt had well-developed ideas on the subject of the sexes. True, she was not above sixteen, and had little experience of men, but good-looking. Nevertheless, she was not insensible of the charms of a white hand, and other tokens of masculine refinement and beauty.

By a natural sequence of ideas, she was led to stretch out her own right hand and look at it critically. It was very white, and covered with her golden freckles. The inspection not being altogether satisfactory, she thrust both her hands irritably into the pockets of her jacket and walked on.

Leaving the lake behind her she followed the road along a swampy hollow, down which the very aboriginals of this coast came, and now, losing the track altogether, in mossy patches of suspicious greenness, again emerging and trickling with feeble gleams over pebbles and sand, she came to a primitive wooden bridge, consisting of only one plank, supported on two cairns of stone. Here she paused, and, seeing a dog-legged pipe protruding from the edge of the water just below her, made a gesture like a boy's throwing a stone, whereon the sand-piper sprang up chirping, and flew along out of sight.

By this time she was in full sight of the sea. Deep calm, and covered with rain-colored shadows, it touched the edge of the flat sands about a mile away, and left one long narrow strip of water just below her, made a gesture like a boy's throwing a stone, whereon the sand-piper sprang up chirping, and flew along out of sight.

In due time she came out upon a narrow and rudely made road, which wound along the rocky point, and reached the sea. The first house she reached was a wooden life-boat house, lying down in a creek and, it being there, she saw at some distance from the water's edge. On the roadside above the house was a flagstaff and beneath the flagstaff a wooden seat. All was very old, and the house was in a state of decay. A little further along the road was a row of cottages which seemed inhabited, and were in fact the abodes of the coast-guard. The house which she reached at first sight looked like the beginning of a village or small town. There were houses on each side of the road, and some of them several stories high; but close inspection showed that most of them were roofless, that few of them possessed any windows or doors, and that many of them were in a state of decay. The houses were old, and the road was a narrow, rutted track, and the sea was a long, straight line, and the sky was a pale, overcast blue.

So intent was he on his occupation that he was not aware of the fact that he was standing by his side. He turned his eyes upon her for a moment and then once more gazed out to sea.

A short, plump, thick-set man, with a round, weather-beaten face, which would have been good-humored but for his expression of extreme watchfulness and greed, the eyes were big, and very small and keen, the forehead low and narrow; the hair coarse and sandy; the beard coarser and sandier still. He might have been about fifty years of age. His dress was curious, consisting of a yellow sea-coat, a pair of sea-man's coarse canvas trousers and a blue pilot-jacket, ornamented with brass buttons which bore the insignia of Her Majesty's naval service.

Presently, without turning his eyes again from the far distance, the man spoke in a husky, far-away whisper: 'Matt, do you see summ'at yonder?'

Matt strained her gaze through the dazzling sunlight, but failed to detect any object on the light expanse of water.

'Look ye now,' continued the man; 'it may be driving weed, or it may be a wreck, but it's summat to look at.'

'Summat black, William Jones?'

'Yes, coming and going. Now it comes, and it's black; now it goes, and the water looks white where it is. It isn't wreck, it's weed; if it ain't weed, it'll go ashore afore night at the Caldron Point. I want to see it, and I'll wait, he added eagerly, 'I'll go and overhand it now.'

He looked round suspiciously, and then said: 'Matt, did you see any of them coast-guard chaps as you come along?'

'No, William Jones.'

'Thought not. They're up Parnassus way, fong about there, there's a chance for a honest man to look after his living without no questioning. You come

along with me, and if it is summ'at, I'll gie thee tuppence some of these fine days.'

As he turned to go, his eye fell for the first time on her attire.

'What's this, Matt? What are you doing in your Sunday clothes?'

The girl was at a loss to reply. She blushed scarlet and hung down her head. Fortunately for her the man was too absorbed in his own curiosity to think of catching her further. He only shook his fat head in severe disapprobation and led the way down to a small creek in the rocks, where a rough collar was waiting, secured by rusty chain.

'Jump in and take the paddles. I'll sit astern and keep watch.'

The girl obeyed and leaped in; but before sitting down she tucked up her dress to her knees to avoid the dirty water in the bottom of the boat. William Jones followed and pushed off with his hands. Calm as the water was, there was a heavy shoreward swell, on which they were immediately uplifted with some danger of being swept back on the rocks; Matt handled the paddles like one to the manner born, and the boat shot out swiftly on the shining sea. The rock and burning with almost insufferable brightness, and the light blazed on the golden mirror of the water, with blinding refracted rays. Crouching in the stern of the boat, William Jones shaded his eyes with both hands, and gazed intently on the object he had discovered far out to sea. Now and then he made a rapid motion to guide the girl in her rowing, but he did not speak a word.

Oh, how hot it was out there on the wide sea waves! For some time Matt pulled in silence, but at last she could bear it no longer and rested on her oars, with the warm perspiration streaming down her freckled face.

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